

## CLOSED SESSION

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danielle Chynoweth; James H. Hayes, Jr.; Laura Huth; Milton Otto; Esther Patt; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ruth Wyman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Deborah Roberts; Bruce Walden

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The Committee of The Whole met in closed session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment and compensation of specific employees of the City. The issue being discussed this evening was the proposed appointment or upgrade of Stephen Holz from Assistant City Attorney to the position of City Attorney. The session began at 9:00 p.m. with Mayor Satterthwaite taking the floor.

Previous arrangements had been made for Ms Chynoweth to meet with Mr. Holz today to resolve some issues she had concerning him and his possible appointment to City Attorney. However, because of other discussions she had, Ms Chynoweth opted not to meet with Mr. Holz. Mayor Satterthwaite requested a response from Ms Chynoweth.

Ms Chynoweth indicated that she had learned that other Council Members had similar concerns and, therefore, she opted not to have an individual meeting with Mr. Holz and suggested to the Mayor that a job search be conducted, as with other positions in the City. Debate ensued.

Ms Huth asked that the record show her question to Mayor Satterthwaite was concerning the process used for hiring department heads and division heads, and not racism or gender. *[Note: This comment reflects statements Mayor Satterthwaite made concerning remarks he encountered about the hiring process of the Personnel Manager, Community Development Director, and Building Safety Division Manager.]* Debate ensued.

Following debate, Mr. Otto moved to adjourn the closed session and resume to the Council Chambers for the regular meeting. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee adjourned its closed session at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah J. Roberts, Deputy Clerk  
Recording Secretary